



**Blackpool  
Ministry Experience**



**the ministry  
experience scheme**

## **Application Form for Participants, Blackpool Ministry Experience, 2021 - 2022**

Thank you for your interest in the Blackpool Ministry Experience. This application form is intended to give us a picture of 'where you are at' in order to try and establish the right mix of people living in community, and match you with a suitable placement church. There are lots of questions, simply because we want to be certain that you are right for this project, and that this project is right for you. Trying to get as full a picture of you as possible from the outset through these questions is one way of doing that – please answer as honestly as you can. You can type your answers in or write them by hand. Please make sure that you have read the Participant Information Guide before completing this form.

<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Age as at 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2021</b>	
<b>Are you free to remain and take up employment in the UK with no current immigration restrictions?</b>	

<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>How did you hear about the Blackpool Ministry Experience?</b>	
<b>Why are you applying to take part in the Blackpool Ministry Experience? What appeals to you about it?</b>	

**CHURCH**

To what church do you currently belong?

How long have you been there?

What denomination is the church to which you belong?

If Anglican, in which Diocese is your church situated?

How would you describe your preferred tradition/churchmanship (e.g. sacramental, evangelical, charismatic, etc.)

**EDUCATION/TRAINING (most recent qualifications first)**

Dates (from/to)

Name of School/College/University

Qualifications

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (most recent positions first)**Dates Employed  
(from/to)Name & Type of Organisation  
(including full address)

Role Title (plus summary of main responsibilities/achievements, and reason for leaving)

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

**Please outline below any voluntary work in which you have been involved, including any roles or responsibilities within a church context, and any skills you have gained in relation to this**

## **DISCIPLESHIP, MINISTRY AND CALLING**

**Please write a personal statement of no more than 500 words about you as a disciple of Jesus, and any sense of calling you may have. Please use the following questions and the Person Specification (page 5) as a prompt:**

- Describe your journey of becoming and living as a Christian, and what the term 'disciple of Jesus' means to you
- Explain how you live out your Christian faith, something of your prayer and worship life, the Christian community to which you belong, and the ministries in which you are currently involved
- Describe any sense of what God's calling on your life might be, including if you are already in the selection process for any lay or ordained ministry

## COMMUNITY LIVING

Please write a personal statement of no more than 500 words about your experience of living in community, including specific real-life examples. This could be based on living in a family home or student accommodation. Please use the following questions and the Person Specification (page 5) as a prompt

- What you believe your strengths and weaknesses to be as a housemate
- What your friends and family would say your strengths and weaknesses are as a housemate
- Your familiarity and engagement with household chores (e.g. cleaning, washing clothes, ironing, gardening etc.)
- Your familiarity and skill at cooking
- Food particularities, including if you have any food issues, e.g. allergies, dietary requirements
- How well you deal with money (especially your ability to live on a small budget)

## OTHER INFORMATION

Have you ever lived away from home? If yes, please describe the context	
Are there any relationship issues or considerations to be taken into account (family/romantic/friendship?) <sup>1</sup>	
Do you have a clean valid driving licence?	
Do you have access to a car you would be willing to bring with you and use for ministry?	
Do you have access to a bike you would be willing to bring with you and use for ministry?	
Do you have any allergies regarding cats or dogs?	

<sup>1</sup> Please note that if you are already in romantic relationship we would need to discuss the implications and boundaries of that for the Blackpool Ministry Experience year

<b>PERSON SPECIFICATION</b>	
<b>EXPERIENCE, PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES and SKILLS</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL (E) OR DESIRABLE (D)</b>
Have a living and active Christian faith	E
Be a disciple of Jesus, engaging in personal prayer and worship and belonging to a Christian community	E
Be actively involved in Christian ministry in some form	D
Have an openness to pursue God's calling on your life	E
Have an interest in exploring future leadership roles, including ordained ministry, within the Church of England	D
Be able to engage in all aspects of living in community with others, and willing to learn from it	E
Be robust and resilient enough to think and act independently throughout the year	E
Have a desire and ability to learn, and be open to constructive criticism and feedback	E
Be able to live on a budget	E
Be hard working and diligent	E
Be able to operate under the direction and instruction of others	E
Be willing to serve – and demonstrate grace, humility and kindness	E
Be good at time keeping and diary management, including being 'on-duty' at unsociable hours	E
Be able to work in a team with an awareness of the skills and strengths that you contribute to it	E
Be able ability to work with people from a variety of backgrounds, different from your own (including those of a different churchmanship)	E
Have good interpersonal and communication skills	E

**MINISTRY IN AREAS OF DEPRIVATION**

**Being involved with the Blackpool Ministry Experience will involve working in areas of deprivation. Please explain any experience you have of working in this area. Please also explain what you think your approach would be to this type of ministry in Blackpool.**

## REFERENCES

In order to develop the picture of who you are a little further, and to support your application, we will ask three Referees to comment on your suitability for the Blackpool Ministry Experience. One Referee should be a Church Leader, of a church where you currently, or have recently belonged. One should be someone who has lived in a community context with you (family, student accommodation etc.), for at least one year (preferably more). One should be someone who knows you in a formal context (e.g. a Line Manager, teacher, tutor, youth/Scout/Brownie leader etc.). We may ask for additional Referees if necessary.

REFEREES REQUIRED	NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER	HOW LONG HAVE THEY KNOWN YOU?
A Church Leader (current or recent) who is able to comment on your life as a Christian		
Someone with whom you have lived in a community context, and can comment on the 'community' aspect of the Blackpool Ministry Experience		
Someone known in a formal context, e.g. a teacher, tutor, youth/Scout/Brownie leader etc.		

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

**Finally, please tell us about you: your hobbies, interests, hopes and dreams. You can also use this space to tell us anything else you feel we need to know that has not already been covered in this application.**

If you have any questions about the Blackpool Ministry Experience, or need any help regarding the completion of this form, please get in touch with the scheme co-ordinator using the contact details below.

**Please return this form to Rev Linda Tomkinson as soon as possible**

**Email:** [revlindat@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:revlindat@hotmail.co.uk)

**Post:** Freedom House, 8 Langdale Road, Blackpool, Lancashire FY4 4RT

We will notify you in good time as to whether you will be called for an interview.

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this form – every blessing.*